

Newsletter 17/04/26



Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **385** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter holiday. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the parental workshop for managing emotions. Please keep an eye out for future sessions that we will be holding throughout the year. Over the next few weeks, we will also be adding further key dates about upcoming events such as Sport's days. Have a lovely weekend.

Upcoming Dates

20/04-24/04 -Year 5 Residential to Dallow Gill

20/04-22/04-5KR Residential

22/04-24/04-5CT Residential

22/04 – 2KW Stay and Read

23/04 – 6SC Stay and Read

29/04 – 1KR Stay and Read

30/04 - 5CT Stay and Read

06/05 – 1JS Stay and Read

07/05 – 5KR Stay and Read

11/05-14/05 – Year 6 SATS Week

19/05 – Year 6 School Trip to Eden Camp

20/05 – Year 1 School Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

20/05 – RRS Stay and Read

21/05 – Year 3 School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

21/05 – 4NR Stay and Read

22/05 – Break Up

02/06 – Return to School

17/06 – Year 2 Trip to Leeds Museum

17/06 – Reception Class School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

18/06 – Year 4 School Trip to Eureka

25/06 – Year 6 School Trip to Alton Towers

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Emie. F! For being the best example to others and taking care of our friends when they need help!

NURSERY PM - Natalia. T! For persisting with her learning and trying her best in everything she does!

RRS- Landon for excellent listening skills.

REH- All of REH for settling back into school amazingly.

1KR- Thea for coming back to school after Easter with a fantastic attitude towards learning.

1JS- Violet for increasing confidence in class.

2KW- Reeva for working hard all week and concentrating on doing her best work.

2LR- Layton M. He has contributed very insightful knowledge to our RE lessons this week.

3ED- Charli J-R, for working incredibly hard in every subject and truly impressing me. Well done!

3SF- Rueben for his amazing improvement in writing—well done!

4EC- Niyi A, for constantly demonstrating green behaviour and being a kind and caring member of our class! Well done Niyi, keep it up!

4NR- Verity for coming in this half term and impressing all the adults with her mature attitude to learning, for showing kindness and patience for children who need that little extra help, Verity's kindness is so lovely to see! Well done Verity!

5KR- Nikita for always working hard in maths and getting onto extra challenges.

5CT- Leeland for concentrating in his maths this week and staying motivated in all morning subjects and making sure his handwriting stays neat!

6SW- Kendal for her effort in afternoon groups.

6SC- Ashvidha for her amazing performance in Reading this week.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Springtime. We have explored the changes in the environment outdoors and enjoyed being in the warm weather without our coats on. The children have been able to make links from previous experiences to now and talk in depth about the changes they can see and hear. The most exciting changes have been observing the flowers growing. Last half term we learned about how to grow a Sunflower and this week we have planted our own!

In Phonics this week we have been practicing our skills across the classroom tuning into sounds and exploring the sounds in words to get our skills focused ready for Phase 2 phonics next week. In Maths this week we have been exploring capacity; it was fun to tip the water from different containers into others to see what happened.



Reception

We have had a brilliant start to the Summer Term and all the children have returned from the Easter Break with a fantastic attitude towards learning. Our new text this term is 'The Teeny Weeny Tadpole' and we have been exploring pond life and all things FROGS! On Wednesday we completed some impressive writing tasks, describing how frogs look and what their habitat is like. We also began to learn about our new inspirational person Hamza Yassin. Hamza loves nature and we can't wait to get outdoors over the coming weeks to explore the wildlife around our beautiful school.

In Maths we are learning our numbers to 20 and used tens frames to subitise quantities beyond 10.



1KR

Wow what a lovely first week back we have had. 1KR have shown how mature and sensible they are this week and have blown the adults away with their super behaviour.

In maths we have been learning about turns (quarter, half, 3 quarter and full turns) as well as left, right, above and below!

In RE we started our learning about special stories from different religions. On Monday we enjoyed our first forest school session with Mr Mills, we created bug hotels!



1JS

Our first week back this term has been really enjoyable in year one. We have been using positional and directional language in maths, such as quarter and half turn, forwards, backwards, left and right. In writing, we are consolidating some of our skills in punctuation and grammar. Next week we will begin our new talk for writing text. Our geography focus was all about our local area and the children enjoyed doing some sketches as well as looking on Google Earth for familiar places around Knottingley. Our first Forest School was this week. The children looked around the area to find bugs, and they made a bug hotel. I'm sure the children will have told you all about it. Now the weather is starting to improve, we are seeing many jumpers being taken off, and without names so please do make sure they are labelled.



2KW

This week Year 2 have been excited to see that the caterpillars have arrived for Science. The children will be learning more about the butterfly life cycle and metamorphosis before we release them in a few weeks. In RE the children have been learning about genesis and how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat on a Friday. In Maths they have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been counting the sides on 2D shapes and learning how to draw them using a ruler as well as recapping the names of shapes that they learnt about in Year 1.



2LR

What an amazing first week back it has been! In Design Technology, the children have been sewing their Mexican bunting to lining. In French, we have been looking at what we could find in the town centre - this included the bakery and what we would find there. In Maths, the children have looked at 2D and 3D shapes. We have also drawn a variety of 2D shapes. We have had very special guests arrive in our classroom this week - caterpillars! We will watch and observe the life cycle of a caterpillar and hopefully be able to set 10 butterflies free at the end of the half term.

3ED

We've had a fantastic first week back at school. We have started exploring angles, learning to identify and understand right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. In our writing lessons, we have been recapping key SPAG skills, including word class, clauses and sentence structure. We worked hard to refresh our knowledge and apply it to our writing.

We have also begun our exciting new topic on Ancient Egypt. Our classroom was transformed into King Tut's tomb, and we carefully sketched the artefacts discovered by Howard Carter.

Well done to everyone for such a positive and hardworking start to the term—keep it up!



3SF

What a lovely first week back we have had in Year 3! In Reading, we have introduced our new class book, Charlotte's Web. The children have been predicting what might happen in the story by looking carefully at the front cover and blurb. They made some amazing predictions and are very excited to continue reading. In Maths, we have been learning about right angles, obtuse angles and acute angles. I have been very impressed with how well the children have understood these new concepts. In Writing, we have focused on SPAG this week. The children practised test-style questions and had lots of fun recapping prepositions, past tense, and other key grammar skills. In Science, we explored forces, experimenting to identify which forces different objects use. In History, we have been learning about the discoveries made by Howard Carter in Ancient Egypt, including the discovery of Tutankhamun.



4EC

Our first week back has been a busy one and it has been wonderful to see everyone. In maths, we have been looking at areas of shapes. We worked hard to find the area as well as draw our own shapes. In reading, we have started looking at the blurb and front cover of our new class text *Varjak Paw*. We have made lots of sensible predictions and had a look into the author, SF Said's background. In writing, we have worked on SPaG elements and finding ways we can add these into our writing pieces. We have enjoyed creating characters and including them into our stories. In art, we have begun our topic by sketching the human body. The children chose different sketch pencils depending on the tone and shading they wanted to include. In science, we started our topic on sound. We had fun using the tuning forks to understand how vibration works! A great first week back 4EC, have a lovely weekend!



4NR

A busy first week back we learnt about the Scots and Picts in History and where they ruled in Great Britain. R.E saw us take a look at reincarnation and the children enjoyed sharing what animal they would like to come back as! We have enjoyed learning about our new author S.F Said and how he overcame challenges in order to publish our new book for this half term *Varjak Paw*! Have a great weekend 4NR!



5KR

This week, we have started our new class novel: *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We looked at a linked text about our author to get a better understanding of the back story. We then began to look at the front cover and the blurb and made some sensible predictions. In Maths, we have continued looking at area and began to learn how to calculate the perimeter of the shape. In Writing, we have had a spelling, punctuation and grammar rules, where we have been able to practise some misconceptions. In History, we have started our democracy unit. We have started by defining democracy and looking at present day democracy. In Religious Education, we have also looked at how life is like a journey and plotted our own journey so far. In Science, we have started to look at different materials and their transparency.



5CT

We have come back straight into new topics and the children have done well getting back into the routine of daily school! We have started to explore our new author, the blurb and read some of our new book - *The boy at the Back of the Class*. We have recapped and used previous knowledge of area and perimeter to find the A and P of compound shapes, their determination on more challenging questions was great to witness and them working together to find the answer. In addition, we have been recapping some of our SPaG knowledge and used this to help create various Short Burst Writes - some of their imaginations whilst writing is fantastic! We have started our Journey of Life topic in RE, making sure that we understood life is full of ups and downs and it isn't smooth sailing, as well as significant life events that can occur. We have then also looked at the transparency of materials and how hard or soft they are to touch, recapping the key vocabulary of transparent, opaque and translucent. We are excited for our sketching unit in Art and ready for understanding how to draw proportionately. We've got more coding in our Computing unit!!



6SW

This week has started like we never left! In Reading, the children began practising SATs-style questions, concentrating on reading carefully, finding evidence within the text and explaining their answers clearly. In Maths, we revisited shape properties, including exploring and constructing nets. The children worked hard to visualise shapes in three dimensions and applied their knowledge accurately when identifying and reasoning about different properties. Our Writing lessons marked the start of a new unit on instruction writing. We analysed examples of instructional texts and identified key features, including imperative verbs, time adverbials and clear sequencing. The children are already showing a strong understanding of how language choices help instructions sound clear and authoritative. To end each day on a positive note, we finished every afternoon with a quiz! These became a real highlight of the week.



6SC

It has been a fantastic first week of the summer term, and the children have returned with great enthusiasm and focus. In English, we have begun an exciting new unit based on instructions. The children were surprised to receive a task from Professor Slughorn of Hogwarts, who has challenged them to create their own potion for a competition! This has sparked lots of creativity, and we are looking forward to developing this work further over the coming weeks. Our reading lessons have been equally engaging. We have explored an extract from *Wind in the Willows* focusing on Mr Badger, enjoyed a poem titled *Grannie*, and delved into an extract from *Gabriel's Clock*. The children have shown thoughtful responses and are continuing to develop their comprehension skills. With SATs approaching in Week 5 of this half term, we have also begun our revision afternoons. While there is a lot to cover, we are making sure to keep things balanced with games and quizzes, which the children are thoroughly enjoying—especially the chance to win prizes!



Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)